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Even '007' May Goof, Occasionally

The United States Central Intelligence Agency has undergone considerable criticism in recent months, largely as a result of errors in judgment or action on the part of agents operating on various projects.

Then, too, there have been some rather strange "leaks" concerning Central Intelligence Agency operations, along with some statements from Congressmen and other government officials which could scarcely have done more to undermine faith in the CIA if they had been designed for that purpose.

The CIA has been undergoing some overhauling in recent weeks under the direction of hard-fisted Admiral Raborn, the new director of this country's principal counter espionage and counter subversion agency.

There are few, if any, human agencies

which do not "goof" at some time or another. This is true of American agencies as well as those of other countries, including Communist bloc nations.

The operations of the CIA necessarily are devious and carried out in as great secrecy as possible. That this is essential is obvious. Espionage is a dirty business, at best. Counter espionage cannot be a clean, aboveboard operation if it is to cope adequately with the espionage of other nations.

Attempting to buy information concerning behind-the-scenes activities of other countries is a part of the espionage "game," dirty as it may sound. Getting caught in such an enterprise can hurt. But, we suspect there have been many more CIA successes than there have been failures.